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The meeting was called to order at 3.15 p.m.

Agenda item 132: Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (*continued*)

Questions relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (*continued*) (A/C.5/69/L.36)

Draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.36: Questions relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015

1. *Draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.36 was adopted.*

Programme budget implications relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (*continued*) (A/C.5/69/L.31)

Draft decision A/C.5/69/L.31: Programme budget implications relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015

2. *Draft decision A/C.5/69/L.31 was adopted.*

Agenda item 138: Joint Inspection Unit (*continued*) (A/C.5/69/L.33)

Draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.33: Joint Inspection Unit

3. *Draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.33 was adopted.*

Agenda item 147: Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (*continued*)

Construction of a new facility for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch (*continued*) (A/C.5/69/L.32)

Draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.32: Construction of a new facility for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch

4. *Draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.32 was adopted.*

Agenda item 131: Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (*continued*)

Progress towards an accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat (*continued*) (A/C.5/69/L.34)

Draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.34: Progress towards an accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat

5. *Draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.34 was adopted.*

Procurement (*continued*) (A/C.5/69/L.35)

Draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.35: Procurement

6. *Draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.35 was adopted.*

Questions deferred for future consideration (A/C.5/69/L.37)

Draft decision A/C.5/69/L.37: Questions deferred for future consideration

7. *Draft decision A/C.5/69/L.37 was adopted.*

Other matters

8. **The Chair** drew attention to a letter dated 27 March 2015 from the Under-Secretary-General for Management addressed to the Chair of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/69/20).

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9. **Ms. Coleman** (United States of America) said that consensus decisions would make the Organization better and stronger for years to come. Notable successes at the sixty-ninth session included the closure of the capital master plan project with a responsible burden-sharing arrangement for final costs. The Secretary-General had been given new recosting tools to make budgets more predictable. Umoja provided the Secretary-General with the funding and personnel needed to make the Organization more efficient and effective, while flexible workplace strategies would allow the Organization to improve productivity while making more efficient use of office space. With regard to procurement, the Secretary-General had been given guidance to continue modernizing and increasing competition in procurement processes across the Organization. Lastly, although the Committee had not concluded all issues relating to human resources management, the negotiations had highlighted important areas for improvement that would guide discussions in the years to come.

10. **Mr. Ono** (Japan) said that his delegation was pleased with the work that the Committee had done and welcomed the consensus agreements reached. Like other delegations, his delegation had engaged in

constructive negotiations and had demonstrated the flexibility necessary for a successful outcome. The Committee had been able to complete its work on time through the application of best practices in its working methods, including the effective use of time slots and the active engagement of coordinators. His delegation was grateful for the efforts made by the Secretariat and the Advisory Committee to ensure the timely issuance of documents and hoped that that would continue.

11. **Ms. Power** (Observer for the European Union) said that her delegation was extremely pleased that the Committee had completed its work in a constructive manner and on time.

12. **Mr. Takasu** (Under-Secretary-General for Management) said that the Secretariat was very grateful to the Committee for the decisions that it had taken concerning the associated costs of the capital master plan, Umoja and other crucial issues. Fostering trust between the Secretariat and Member States was a major priority for the Secretariat. The Secretariat had made marked improvements with regard to the timely submission of documents and information and would continue to work to improve its performance in that area.

13. **The Chair** declared that the Fifth Committee had completed its work at the first part of the resumed sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly.

The meeting rose at 3.45 p.m.